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In response to the Office Action of September 5, 2003 and Office Action of April 5, 2004, please amend the above identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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Amend paragraph [0020] to read as follows:

[0020] The entire assembly process of the multi-layer, composite layer panels may be automated as shown in Fig. 5. A conveyor 40 is used to convey wood veneer sheets 68 in succession to a gluing station where adhesive or glue 48 is dispensed from a glue dispenser 50 that dispenses the adhesive or glue 48 that is within a glue receptacle 52. At the gluing station, an adhesive is applied to each wood veneer sheet in turn. If there is no wood veneer sheet already on a bed 44 of pressing equipment 46, then the leading one of the wood veneer sheets 42 of the set of wood veneer sheets 68 is placed on the bed 44. Otherwise, a subsequent wood veneer sheet 64 of the wood veneer sheets 68 will be flipped over so that its glue side faces down and then lowered or dropped onto recycled or waste material 54 that should already be on the wood veneer sheet 42 before the further wood veneer sheet 64 is lowered or dropped on top. The recycled or waste material 54 was deposited onto the glued side of the wood veneer sheet 42 by a dispenser 58, which dispenses the recycled or waste product 54 stored in an exchangeable storage bin 56.

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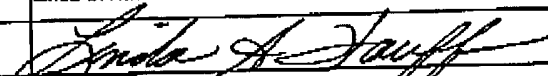
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